

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07H5/10 C12N9/56 C12N9/44

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BEILSTEIN Data, WPI Data, CHEM ABS Data, BIOSIS

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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## Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-5(part),7,8-9(part),11,12,13,15-17(part)

methods and reagents involving thiosulfonates  
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2. claims: 1-5(part),6,8-9(part),10,14,15-17(part),18-29

methods and reagents involving selenylsulfides  
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